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A period of critiques, by the agencies themselves in the morning and at Cabinet level in the afternoon.

h. A "Briefing Guide" containing all of the assumptions and major actions to be taken will be prepared by the Office of Defense Mobilization and will be issued to all participating departments and agencies. This Briefing Guide will be used for the purposes of the exercise rather than the actual Mobilization Plan C and Mobilization Plan B-Minus. Certain hypothetical international assumptions have been developed by a committee composed of representatives of the Office of Defense Mobilization, the Department of State (Policy Planning Staff), and the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Strategic Plans). At the request of the Office of Defense Mobilization, these assumptions are being checked by our Agency ( ) as to their plausibility, but not as to their probability. There will be no test of military actions related to actual war plans.

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5. During the period of the exercise commencing 3 June 1957 and ending 14 July 1957, certain situation assumptions will be introduced to the Executive Branch from time to time by Mr. Max Rabb, the Cabinet Secretary, and will be distributed in the form of Cabinet Papers which will become agenda items for Cabinet Meetings at which time the necessary actions of the respective department heads (and certain agency heads) will be discussed.

6. The President has indicated to officials of the Office of Defense Mobilization that he will not convene a Cabinet Meeting during the week 15 - 19 July 1957, but that it is probable that he will convene at least one meeting of the National Security Council during that period.

Signed

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